

## Article - Environment

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(a) By July 1, 1984, the Department shall publish a master list of all sites at which the Department has reason to believe or has been notified that controlled hazardous substances may be present.

(b) The master list shall be updated periodically.

(c) (1) By July 1, 1984, and each 6 months thereafter, the Department shall publish a list of proposed sites from the master list at which the Department intends to conduct preliminary site assessments.

(2) The list of proposed sites shall contain at least:

(i) A general description of the site, including its geographical location;

(ii) The basis for its listing, including the identity and quantity of controlled hazardous substances thought to be present, if known; and

(iii) The status or findings of the preliminary site assessment.

(3) The Department shall conduct a preliminary site assessment of sites within 6 months of their initial listing. The preliminary site assessment shall provide the basis for listing a site on the disposal site registry.

(d) (1) By January 1, 1985, the Department shall publish a State Hazardous Substance Response Plan that shall set forth procedures and standards for responding to releases of hazardous substances.

(2) The State Hazardous Substance Response Plan to the greatest extent practicable shall be consistent with the National Contingency Plan established under § 105 of the federal act.

(e) (1) The State Hazardous Substance Response Plan shall set forth the criteria for the final listing of sites and for ranking sites that require site investigation, restoration, and remedial action under this article.

(2) The criteria shall take into account factors relating to public health and the environment, including:

- (i) Potential hazards to public health and the environment;
- (ii) The risk of fire or explosion;
- (iii) Toxic hazards; and
- (iv) The criteria established under § 105(8) of the federal act.

(f) (1) By January 1, 1986, the Secretary shall publish and revise at least annually a listing of hazardous waste sites, to be known as the disposal site registry.

(2) The disposal site registry shall rank sites in priority for State remedial action, and include the following information with regard to each site:

(i) A general description of the site, including its location, acreage, adjacent waterways, and estimates of the identity and the quantity of any controlled hazardous substance present;

(ii) An assessment by the Department of any threat to public health or natural resources posed by the site;

(iii) The status of any removal, restoration, or other remedial actions in progress or recommended by the Department;

(iv) An assessment of the relative priority of the need for removal, restoration, or other remedial action at each site; and

(v) A proposed time frame for site investigation and any necessary remedial action.

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